

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5, 24, 25, and 28 have been amended by this Amendment. Claims 1, 19, and 20 have been cancelled by this amendment. Claims 4 and 21-23 have previously been cancelled and claims 9-11 and 14-18 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 12, 13, and 24 through 31 are currently pending in the Application, are rejected, and are at issue. Entry of the claims presented herein is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 has been amended to change dependency and its amendment is therefore supported by original claim 5. The amendments to claims 24 and 25 are supported by SEQ ID NO.: 2 as originally filed, by original claim 1, and in paragraphs 18, 32, 36, and 38 of the specification and claims. The amendment to claim 28 is clerical only and is similarly supported in paragraphs 18, 32, 36, and 38 of the specification and claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of claims 2, 3, and 25.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The final Office Action rejects claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Both claims have been cancelled and that rejection is moot.

Claims 1, 5-8, 12, 13, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Cancellation of claims 1, 19, and 20 and amendment of claim 5 to remove dependency from claim 1 renders this objection moot. Allowance of claims 5-8, 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

Claims 24 and dependent claims 26-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. Claim 24 was rejected as allegedly unclear.

Applicants submit that claim 24 as amended satisfied the requirements for clarity and renders these rejection moot.

Claim 28 was rejected as allegedly unclear. Applicant submits that the amendment to claim 28 renders this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all rejections and objections in the final Office Action of November 15, 2004, have been traversed and/or rendered moot by the Amendment and Response included herein. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of pending all pending claims as amended herein.

It is believed that this Amendment and Response is submitted in time to receive an advisory action and applicant requests same. If the Examiner believes that personal contact with the undersigned would help resolve any remaining questions with this Application, she is invited to contact me at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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